



## Palencia (Spain)

### NEW PROJECT EVS IN SPAIN

#### **Typology : Rural development and environment.**

The Expression of Interest is in Madrid and it will be approved **before on 17<sup>th</sup> March**. It isn't approved yet and published in the database english.

**HOST ORGANISATION: CIFAES ( Amayuelas de Abajo/** Department of Palencia) .

This small village (it has less 50 inhabitants is in Castile and Lion's region, **in the North of Spain**)

**Call: 17<sup>th</sup> March** They need **three volunteers** from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 28th February, **8 months**

**Deadline receiving CV : 11th March** . **We're waiting for your CV & letter motivation**

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### NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF THE HOST ORGANISATION

We're s a non-profit NGO dedicated to recovering the peasant culture and the maintenance of the life in rural areas , where we believe that is the basis of ecology.

#### **How?**

- Maintaining and improving soil fertility
- Living with a reasonable consumption
- Preserving ancient ways of producing without sacrificing modern techniques
- By land and a school for our work life.

Since the creation of CIFAES we have handled these lines:

- The promotion of productive initiatives ,
- The research work parallel to the productive act ,
- Training as an expression of the value of rural culture .
- The personal contribution , volunteer, and wealth of citizens in local communities.

Employment relationship with the pioneering project we have people in the field of organic farming , bio, education, social action or natural food . We have many volunteer helpers in those and other fields such as health , communication , promotion of employment and rural development.

Within our area prevails - continental Mediterranean climate, with wide daily temperature swings , and signified annual temperature range . Long, cold winters , with ample frost period and mild summers and not very far at 2 months . The rains are not abundant and concentrated in spring and autumn .

The partnership began his career in the mid 90s. At that time Amayuelas de Abajo only lived a family consisting of five members.

At present, CIFAES - URPF to develop and meet its targets has available various production and training projects with its infrastructure :

- Ecological gardens with vegetables
- Poultry Farms (one for broiler and one for laying hens ), swine, and sheep .
- Oven - bakery. - Organic poultry slaughterhouse .
- Workshop of ground brick ( making bricks , using building with raw earth ) . - Carpentry - Library - Seed Bank .

A production research work is attached.

As research work mainly on a project to recover ancient seeds , native earthworm vermicomposting with traditional construction in the area, sewage treatment with low-cost systems ( green filter ) , native breeds for sheep and poultry , processing of organic foods , artisan bakery sourdoughs and old cereal region.

The sum of both training, which is intended for members of the organization , neighbors and residents of the immediate environment and any other sensitized with the same person arises . Thus , we organize specialized courses , seminars, discussion forums newspapers , workshops , guided tours, etc. .

## **ACTIVITIES**

We offer our organization and local community. A training range where our expertise lies . How We guarantee a continuous learning? ....

. Knowing our environment. thus,

- Volunteers will be able to acquire good levels of practical training in the fields of organic agriculture and livestock , organic bakery and bio .
- Collaboration in the organization of various events during your stay allow them to make good experience in management and development of different types of events and dissemination events : For example, some of the lately made
- Translating to their mother tongue the tourist information in the Municipally web page
- Activities on the volunteer based on their training, experience and country (tradition, gastronomy ...), and activity in the final weeks of the project through power point or speaking about the project, programme, ... This could also be with a video. This document will be incorporated into the municipal website.
- Supporting the blog of CIFAES with their experience.

### **- Through the Rural University area :**

- Agroecology courses , biobuilding , processing and preservation of food - themed seminars on food sovereignty , World Food Market Control , Common Agricultural Policy
- Meetings of young rural , Discussion forums on social services in rural areas , Fracking , New Water Culture ...
- Public - Presentations Rural University Project
- Support in guided tours.

### **- Through the local community area :**

Year's Festival in the village, at the end of January . Regular activities of living in the local Residents Association . Talks, Cinema - forum , community meals ....

### **- Through agricultural and rural projection :**

Fairs and Markets in the green (sometimes depending on the time of your stay) .

Also :

- The plan of continuous learning Spanish language (which we describe below) allow each young participant acquire sufficient linguistic level at the end of the project.
- Knowledge of other projects in rural communities ,
- Leisure activities with the population of the area
- Meet other EVS projects in our area , as well as other European voluntary participants in them
- They will have opportunity to develop their capacity of social skills, and learn about our culture and traditions.

In addition, the Rural University Paolo Freire collaborate paid or volunteer numerous professionals of various activities under the partnership way . They are people with proven technical knowledge to inculcate social values and capacity, especially for young people.

We have several collaborators monitors organic farming specialists , with family tradition and his own experience of years each other also with advanced training in agronomy .

We have some of the most knowledgeable people bioclimatic building with earth in the region.

Many of the monitors to be young volunteers build a great experience and preparation in the creation and monitoring of organizational projects in rural areas such as: the creation of groups of Rural Education, Consumer Groups , Foundations and Social Finance and commissioning up their own productive projects as diverse as poultry farms , slaughterhouses ecological Bird , bio companies . Ecological Restaurant., Bakery .

One common partner is entitled Hostel in dietetics and nutrition. Which will receive regular training sessions.

In short, young people interested in our EVS project will know , or should know , the features and type of learning that will experience Amayuelas.

## **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

Generally Monday through Friday, morning and evening, distributed by approx. 30 hours per week, with two days off in a row and two vacation days per month of stay.

The volunteers will live in a house situated in the village with their own room. The volunteers will have personal Spanish teacher during their project.

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